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SUBJECT: WEINBERGER VISIT: MEETING WITH POLISH

FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, 6:15 P.M.,

AUGUST 28, 1973

FOR DR. AUSTIN

1. SECRETARY WEINBERGER MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
STEFAN OLSZOWSKI FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR
AUGUST 28. ALSO PRESENT WERE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
SOCIAL WELFARE MARIAN SLIWINSKI; JAN KINAST, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; HENRYK SOKOLSKI,
INTERPRETER; AMBASSADOR DAVIES; DR. GRANVILLE W. AUSTIN,
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HEW, AND EMBASSY SCIENCE

ATTACHE ALLEN S. GREENBERG. THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER. THE DISCUSSION OF QUESTION RELATING TO VIETNAM IS RECORDED IN PARAGRAPHS FOUR THROUGH EIGHT BELOW.

2. SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED RECENTLY WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO HAD REMARKED WARMLY ON THE HOSPITALITY OF HIS RECEPTION DURING HIS VISITS TO POLAND AS VICE PRESIDENT, AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND AS PRESIDENT. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI RESPONDED THAT POLAND HAS A VERY HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT NIXON AND THAT HIS VISIT HERE LAST YEAR WAS AN HISTORIC EVENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID THAT DR. THOMAS B. OWEN, DEPUTY TO DIRECTOR STEVER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WILL BE VISITING POLAND NEXT MONTH. DR. OWEN WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTER OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY JAN KACZMAREK THE RESCHEDULING OF MINISTER KACZMAREK'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, STATING THAT THE VISITS OF MINISTER KACZMAREK AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MITREGA WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE FURTHERANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SAID HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED PERSONALLY BY MINISTERS KACZMAREK AND MITREGA ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR VISITS. HE SAID HE SUPPOSED IT WAS NOT WORTHWHILE TO SPECULATE ON WHETHER THERE WAS SOME "HIDDEN REASON" FOR THE RESCHEDULING OF THE VISIT BY MINISTER KACZMAREK AT THIS TIME.

4. SECRETARY WEINBERGER RESPONDED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE USEFUL NOT TO REVIEW PAST DIFFICULTIES BUT TO TURN TO THE FUTURE. WITH THE COMING OF IRAN TO THE ICCS, THE UNITED STATES NOW HAS HIGH HOPES FOR AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE ROLE FOR THE ICCS IN FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE SUCCESS OF THIS EFFORT DEPENDS TO A CONSIDERABLE

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EXTENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MORE IMPARTIAL AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF POLAND IN INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF TRUCE VIOLATIONS. WE ARE CONCERNED NOW ABOUT THE RAPID NOMINATION OF A REPLACEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI AS CHIEF OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE ICCS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WILL BE POLAND'S TURN TO PROVIDE THE ICCS CHAIRMAN ON SEPTEMBER FIRST. SECRETARY WEINBERGER EMPHASIZED THAT THE FUNCTION

OF THE ICCS WAS INVESTIGATORY, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS ALL MEMBERS OF THE ICCS TO CARRY OUT THIS ACTIVITY IMPARTIALLY AS AN OBLIGATION THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENTS.

5. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI RESPONDED THAT POLAND IS NOT HAPPY WITH ITS EXPERIENCE IN VIETNAM, AND THAT ICCS MEMBERSHIP IS AN HONOR IT WOULD GLADLY PASS ON TO OTHERS. HOWEVER, POLAND WILL DO NOTHING TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FURTHER IN VIETNAM. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT POLAND'S RESIGNATION FROM THE ICCS WOULD BE REGARDED AS SUCH A COMPLICATION. FURTHERMORE, POLAND WILL FULFILL THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF ITS OBLIGATION, BUT "OFTEN OTHERS MAY BE LEGALISTIC ABOUT THE LETTER OF THE LAW". THE VOLUME OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS HAS DECREASED AND THE ICCS MAY NOW BE BETTER ABLE TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENTS IN IMPROVED CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM OF FINANCING THE ICCS HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED.

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6. SECRETARY WEINBERGER INTERJECTED THAT POLAND'S HELPFUL ATTITUDE ON ICCS FINANCING IS APPRECIATED BY THE UNITED STATES.

7. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SAID HE COULD NOT PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE NEW CHIEF OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE ICCS IN REPLACEMENT OF AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI SINCE THIS APPOINTMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE. AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI HAD BEEN BROUGHT HOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO KEEP HIM IN VIETNAM ONLY FOR SIX-TO -SEVEN MONTHS. HOWEVER, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WANTS TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR WASILEWSKI BY A MAN OF EQUAL RANK, I.E., THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR. THE APPOINTEE WILL BE WELL KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES AND WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DO HIS BEST TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN VIETNAM. MINISTER
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OLSZOWSKI EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT, JUST BECAUSE POLAND IS A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS AWARE OF THE INTENTIONS AND DOINGS OF OTHERS. HE SAID, "YOU PROBABLY ASSUME WE KNOW THE INTENTIONS OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE IN VIETNAM; THAT IS NOT THE CASE." THE TASK OF THE ICCS IS DIFFICULT, THE FACTS ARE OFTEN HARD TO ASCERTAIN, AND "IMPARTIALITY" IS A WORD THAT CAUSES PROBLEMS.

8. SECRETARY WEINBERGER RESPONDED THAT BEING DISLIKED BY BOTH SIDES IS A PROOF THAT ONE IS IMPARTIAL. THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTY OF THE TASK OF THE ICCS, BUT THE FACTS ABOUT CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS MUST BE DETERMINED AND IMPARTIALLY REPORTED. THIS CERTAINLY IS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN WAR. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AGREED WITH THIS FINAL STATEMENT.

9. IN RESPONSE TO MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S QUERY ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF HIS VISIT IN POLAND, SECRETARY WEINBERGER RESPONDED THAT HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE WARMTH OF POLISH HOSPITALITY, AND MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE EXCELLENT COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH. COOPERATION IN SUCH FIELDS AS PROSTHESES AND SURGICAL RECONSTRUCTION HAS PROVEN OF HIGH BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES. WHILE WE NOW HAVE VERY USEFUL LIST OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL RESEARCH INTEREST, BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED TO TAKE INTO

ACCOUNT CHANGING NEEDS, PRIORITIES, AND COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITIES. THE DECIDING OF FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES DEMANDS URGENT CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF THE RAPID DEPLETION OF US-OWNED ZLOTYS. SECRETARY WEINBERGER ADDED THAT HE STRONGLY DESIRES THAT COOPERATION WITH POLAND IN THE AREAS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION BE EXPANDED.

10. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI NOTED THAT HEALTH PROTECTION AND WELFARE RECEIVED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AT THE LAST PARTY CONGRESS AND THAT HEALTH MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRESIDENT NIXON DURING
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THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO POLAND LAST YEAR. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SPOKE OF THE "WIDE RESPONSE" IN POLISH SOCIETY TO SECRETARY WEINBERGER'S VISIT BECAUSE ITS PURPOSE IS TO SERVE THE COMMON NEEDS OF MAN. IN ADDITION, THE VISIT HAS STRONG POLITICAL IMPLICATION BECAUSE IT ALSO SERVES DETENTE AND PEACE. POLAND'S RELATION WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN GENERALLY EXCELLENT IN RECENT YEARS, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT-- DESPITE "THIS OR THAT DIFFICULTY." THE SUBSEQUENT VISITS OF SEVERAL SENATORS AND THE INCREASING TRAVEL OF BUSINESSMEN IS ALSO A POSITIVE TREND.

11. SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO POLAND WITH SECRETARY ROGERS AND THAT SECRETARY ROGERS HAD SPOKEN OF HIS WARM REGARD FOR MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND ASKED THAT HIS PERSONAL GREETING BE CONVEYED TO HIM. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT, WHILE HE HAD HAD ONLY BRIEF CONTACTS WITH SECRETARY ROGERS, HE RETAINS THE VERY BEST IMPRESSIONS OF HIS COMPETENCE AND PERSONAL MERITS. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI ASKED SECRETARY WEINBERGER TO CONVEY HIS WARM PERSONAL REGARDS TO SECRETARY ROGERS. SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID THAT, AS MINISTER OLSZOWSKI KNEW, DR. KISSINGER HAD NOW BEEN APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE. DR. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED, IS A VERY STRONG MAN. MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SAID HE KNEW THIS AND ASKED THE SECRETARY TO GIVE DR. KISSINGER PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO POLAND LAST YEAR AND HE HOPED TO MEET WITH HIM AGAIN.

12. SECRETARY WEINBERGER SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DEVOTED GREAT EFFORT TO IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR WITH THE STATES OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC, AND TO BUILDING A FIRM STRUCTURE FOR WORLD PEACE. IT WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S MOST CHERISHED

DESIRE THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION SHOULD MAKE AN HISTORIC
TURNING POINT IN THIS REGARD.
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